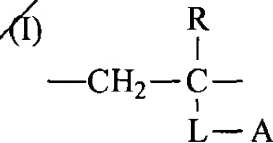


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2. (Amended) The jet printing ink of claim 1, wherein the basic polymer contains a repeating unit of the following formula (I):



SH  
C2  
in which R is a hydrogen atom or methyl; L is a single bond, -CO-, -O-, an alkylene group, an arylene group, or a combination thereof; and Am is [a tertiary amino group, a quaternary ammonium group, or a nitrogen atom-containing heterocyclic group] 1-imidazolyl.

A2  
SH  
C3  
9. (Amended) A method of forming an ink image on a receiving sheet using an ink jet printer, which comprises jetting drops of an ink comprising a dye and an aqueous medium which further comprises a basic polymer having a side-chain containing [a tertiary amino group, a quaternary ammonium group, or a nitrogen atom-containing heterocyclic group] 1-imidazolyl, wherein the basic polymer is contained in an amount of 0.1 to 50 weight %, and the ink has a viscosity of 50 cp or lower at 25°C.

#### REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, re-examination and reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.112, and in light of the remarks which follow are respectfully requested.